

Labor, Education & Training Committee
Regular Meeting
May 24, 2005 - 10:00 a.m.
Tribal Office Board Room

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Stephanie Awonohopay called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Those present: Rose Wayka, David Wynos, Wendell Waukau, Dr. Donna Powless, Virginia Nuske, Dr. Verna Fowler. Amy Waukau and Karen Washinawatok were absent.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review Minutes Dated April 28, 2005-

Motion made by Dr. Fowler to table. Motion was seconded by Virginia Nuske. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. Election of Officers-

Chairperson Awonohopay opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Motion made by Dr. Powless to nominate Virginia Nuske for Vice-Chairman. Motion was seconded by Rose Wayka. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Wynos to nominate Karen Washinawatok for Vice-Chairman. Motion was seconded by Dr. Powless. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Powless to close nominations. Motion was seconded by Virginia Nuske. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Committee voted 4-for Virginia Nuske and 2-for Karen Washinawatok.

Virginia Nuske is the Vice-Chairperson of the committee

Committee discussed Karen Washinawatok being on the committee. The committee was informed that Karen hasn't been showing up for the meetings because she feels there is a conflict of interest with her being on the Legislature. Committee discussed the matter and stated that no one on the committee believes there is a conflict of interest because Karen is representing NAES and not the Legislature.

Chairperson Awonohopay opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

Motion made by David Wynos to nominate Karen Washinawatok for Secretary. Motion was seconded by Rose Wayka. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Fowler to close nominations. Motion was seconded by Dr. Powless. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Karen Washinawatok is the committee Secretary.

5. Discuss/Action on Child Care Needs Assessment-

Committee discussed the issue of the need for having the Daycare open during evenings.

Dr. Fowler, Dr. Powless and Wendell Waukau will work with Jennifer Gauthier and Penny Escalante to determine the feasibility of having the Daycare open longer.

6. Discuss/Action on AISES-

Motion made by Wendell Waukau to table. Motion was seconded by Virginia Nuske. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

7. Tribal Education Directors National Assembly/Virginia Nuske-

Virginia informed the committee that she would like to become a member of the Tribal Education Directors National Assembly but needs Tribal or Committee approval to join. Virginia informed the committee that the dues and any expenses will come out of her budget.

Motion made by Wendell Waukau to support Virginia Nuske of Tribal Education in joining the Tribal Education Directors National Assembly. Motion was seconded by Dr. Powless. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

8. UWGB American Indian Studies Program-

Virginia presented the committee with the request to support UWGB American Indian Studies Program. Representatives are going to different Tribes to obtain support in establishing the program. Committee members had several questions such as; What types of courses will be offered? What field can you go into with a American Indian Studies degree?

Committee would like to review the audit sheet with the names of the courses and how much credits each are worth. Committee wanted to know if there is a time line and Virginia stated that there wasn't because the program wouldn't be available for a couple

of years.

Virginia will try to obtain all the information the committee requested and once she does, the item will be put back on the agenda.

9. Committee Goals and Objectives-

Committee members went into a lengthy discussion regarding the reading and writing initiative and would like it as an agenda item for next meeting.

Committee members feel that no action should be taken until Amy or someone from Head Start can be present because Head Start age kids are a very important part.

Committee members would also like Jennifer Gauthier present at the next meeting to discuss the issue.

Chairperson Awonohopay will follow up on why Amy Waukau isn't showing up at meetings and will speak to Jennifer Gauthier about the Policy Council.

Wendell Waukau was excused at 10:50 a.m.

10. Review Monthly Reports-

Chairperson Awonohopay is concerned that everyone isn't turning in their monthly reports and feels that if some committee members are turning in reports then all committee members that report to the committee should be turning them in.

11. Other Business-

Dr. Fowler stated that NAES is losing their accreditation and the committee would like Karen Washinawatok to address it in her next report.

12. Adjournment-

Motion made by Virginia Nuske to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dr. Fowler. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services